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In re Patent Application of
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)

Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a continuation application, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), of pending application Serial No. 09/204,390, filed on December 2, 1998 by Deborah EVERLING, and Gary ROBOFF entitled "MERCHANT TRANSACTION DATA MINING METHOD".

It is recognized that the filing of this Request will be considered to be a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date granted to the Continued Prosecution Application.

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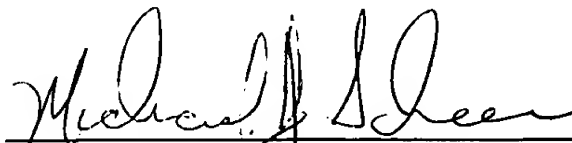
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